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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC) - PROPOSED VISITS.

REF: STATE A-377, 1/25/77 (ISLAMABAD AND TEL AVIV);
A-1853 OF 4/25/77 (ANKARA AND ATHENS).
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1. REPAIRS PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING BACKGROUND
AND STATUS OF U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WARC. ADDRESSEE
POSTS WERE REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE TELECOMMUNI-
CATIONS OFFICIALS AND REPORT COMMENTS TO DEPARTMENT. THE
PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR
VISIT BY A SMALL U.S. TEAM TO DISCUSS THE CONFERENCE.

2. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN ARRANGING FOR MEETINGS ON FOLLOWING DATES:

- A. ISLAMABAD - JUNE 5;
- B. TEL AVIV - JUNE 8 OR 9;
- C. ANKARA - JUNE 12;
- D. ATHENS, JUNE 14.

3. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO CARRY OUT PRELIMINARY

DISCUSSIONS THROUGH AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS (EMPHASIS ON INFORMAL EXCHANGE) ON MAJOR ISSUES EXPECTED TO ARISE AT THE 1979 WARC. THE DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT MANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITIES AND/OR AGENCIES HAVE NOT YET STARTED DETAILED PREPARATION OR GIVEN THE MATTER MUCH THOUGHT. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS AT THIS TIME, PRIOR TO DEVELOPMENT OF OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS LATER THIS YEAR, WILL HELP THE U.S. OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND VIEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. U.S. TEAMS HAVE ALREADY VISITED THIRTY COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS EACH PROPOSED VISIT TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO U.S. WARC PREPARATION.

4. THE 1979 WARC, WHICH WILL BE HELD UNDER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) IN GENEVA, IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO REVIEW, AND REVISE AS NECESSARY, THE INTERNATIONAL USE OF RADIO FREQUENCIES. THE END RESULT WILL BE A REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS WHICH HAS TREATY FORCE IN THE U.S. AND THE OTHER 153 MEMBERS OF THE ITU. AS THE WORLDWIDE LEADER IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND LARGEST USER OF RADIO, THE U.S. PROBABLY HAS MORE IT COULD LOSE THAN GAIN AT THIS CONFERENCE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN VIEW OF CURRENT THIRD WORLD DEMANDS FOR "THEIR SHARE" AND "GUARANTEED ACCESS", AND THE POSSIBILITY OF BLOC VOTING AGAINST THE U.S. THE ITU IS ONE COUNTRY/ONE VOTE AND HAS ALREADY EXPERIENCED THIS TACTIC. HENCE THE WARC PREPARATORY GROUP IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT AS MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS PRACTICABLE, TO SHOW AN INTEREST IN THEIR PROBLEMS AND IDENTIFY THEIR NEEDS. ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES FOR THE WARC IS TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE, WHILE MAINTAINING THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY TO MEET OUR OWN VERY SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS.

5. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION BE GUIDED BY THE WARC AGENDA (WHICH SHOULD BE KNOWN TO OFFICIALS) OR BY THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

A. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RESPECTIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATIONS;

B. TABLE OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS AND THE NEED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE OF INTEREST:

1) BROADCASTING REQUIREMENTS IN GENERAL;

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2) HIGH FREQUENCY BANDS (3-30 MHZ);

3) MOBILE REQUIREMENTS (30-1000 MHZ);

4) SATELLITE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING FIXED, AERONAUTICAL, MARITIME AND MOBILE;

5) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR ALLOCATION CHANGES;

C. COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES;

D. PROGRAM FOR FUTURE WARCS.

DEPARTMENT IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY SPECIFIC MATTERS HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, HOWEVER, THE TEAM WILL NOT BE PREPARED GENERALLY TO TREAT NON-WARC ISSUES.

6. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF RICHARD E. SHRUM, DEPARTMENT OF STATE (EB/TD), TEAM LEADER; LEO BUSS, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA); HARRY FEIGLESON, U.S. NAVY; PAUL PRICE, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA); AND ARLEN VAN DOORN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC). TEAM IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES RELATING TO 1979 WARC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET ANY TIME DURING STAY IN EACH CITY. AN EMBASSY OFFICER IS REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. IN ADDITION, EACH EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED TO SCHEDULE BRIEFING FOR APPROPRIATE POST OFFICERS (E.G., ECON, COM, DAO AND PAO) AT ANY TIME AVAILABLE. DEPARTMENT IS AIR POUCHING COPIES OF FCC'S 6TH AND 7TH NOTICES OF INQUIRY WHICH MAY BE USED FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. IT IS HOPED THAT DISCUSSIONS CAN
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BE HELD IN ENGLISH, SINCE TEAM MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. AT YOUR DISCRETION, PLEASE CONTACT APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL(S) WHO ARE TYPICALLY IN THE MINISTRIES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION, AND ARRANGE FOR VISIT OF SMALL U.S. TEAM ON DAY SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 2. A MINIMUM OF FOUR HOURS FOR THE MEETING IS SUGGESTED. WE SUGGEST THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THEY PLAY A ROLE IN DEVELOPING THEIR COUNTRY'S POSITION TO THE WARC.

B. PLEASE ADVISE PLACE AND TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS, LIST OF EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS AND POSITIONS(IF AVAILABLE), ADDITIONAL ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION, AND NAME/PHONE NUMBER OF EMBASSY CONTACT OFFICER.

C. REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE APPRECIATED SO THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND SPECIFIC ITINERARY CAN BE FINALIZED.

8. FOR ANKARA: REF: EMBASSY 1628 OF MARCH 4, 1977. U.S. DELEGATES TO RECENT JOINT CIVIL/MILITARY MEETING OF NATO'S ALLIED RADIO FREQUENCY AGENCY (ARFA) WERE APPROACHED BY TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES, WHO REQUESTED A VISIT BY THE U.S. TO DISCUSS THE WARC. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY CONTACT LT. COL. I GOKSEL, THE MILITARY ARFA MEMBER, AND/OR MRS. CUBUKCU OF THE PTT TO ARRANGE THE MEETING. VANCE

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